

## Answers for Scavenger Hunt

### The consequences of teen motherhood are many:

- Less likely to complete high school
- Dependence on welfare
- Single parenthood
- More likely to have more children sooner on a limited income
- More likely to abuse or neglect the child

National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. (1997). *Whatever Happened to Childhood? The Problem of Teen Pregnancy in the United States*. Washington, DC: Author.

### Risks to children of teen mothers

- growing up without a father
- low birthweight and prematurity
- school failure
- mental retardation
- insufficient health care
- abuse and neglect
- poverty and welfare dependence

Source: Maynard, R.A., (ed.), *Kids Having Kids: A Robin Hood Foundation Special Report on the Costs of Adolescent Childbearing*. New York: Robin Hood Foundation, 1996.

South Dakota has fifteenth highest teen pregnancy rate in the US.

880,170 teens became pregnant in 1996.

56% of teen pregnancies end in birth.  
491,577 teen pregnancies end in birth.  
30% of teens have abortions.  
78.5% of pregnant teens are unmarried.  
68% of pregnant teens drop out of high school.  
100 teens get pregnant each hour in the US.  
55 teens give birth each hour in the US.